Saka no Ue no Mahoutsukai

Volume 1 - Chapter 7

WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN US...
POSSIBLE RECRUITEE
Uwah~
Get access to all the goods!
❖This is an accurate depiction of how teetee dresses on a daily basis.

OKAY, OKAY JUST GO TAKE THE TEST ALREADY.
teetee (recruitee)
glomp
Yes! I'll join! I'll help out! Please let me touch the goods!

Apprenticeship in the Winter

SIRE
I APOLOGIZE SEEING SOMETHING SO DISGUSTING MUST BE
NO, NO, PLEASE GO ON
AH, NO I DIDN'T COME HERE WITH ANY BUSINESS IN PARTICULAR
THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE, I'M AFRAID. THE KING MUST NOT SULLY HIS FEET COMING TO THIS FILTHY PLACE WITHOUT A STRONG REASON.
YOU'RE NOT JUST A PRINCE ANYMORE.
DO YOU ALWAYS WASH YOUR HAIR AT THIS TIME?
IT WAS AN ACCIDENT
I GOT IT DIRTY, SO I HAD TO WASH IT....
IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN HELP YOU WITH?

IT'S ACTUALLY THE OPPOSITE, LEE
I COULDN'T BE CALLED A KING IF I COULDN'T GO TO ANY PLACE I DESIRED
YOUR ELOQUENCE HAS IMPROVED QUITE A LOT, I SEE
ONLY THANKS TO YOUR TEACHING
THAT'S RIGHT
SHOW ME "THAT" AGAIN
THE "BOX" THE THING YOU SHOWED TO ME OFTEN WHEN I WAS A BOY
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I LAST SAW IT
YOU MEAN THIS?
THE BOX WHERE I CAN SEE THE STARS
BUT PROMISE ME YOU SHALL GO BACK TO YOUR SLEEPING CHAMBERS AFTER I SHOW YOU THIS
YOU HAVE PUBLIC AUDIENCES STARTING EARLY IN THE MORNING, DO YOU NOT?
FINE, I GET IT

SO BEAUTIFUL
THE ORDER OF THE WORLD SHOWN IN THIS BOX I WANT TO BRING IT TO OUR WORLD TOO
IF IT'S YOU,
IT CAN BE DONE

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MORE OR LESS...
I WANT TO BUILD A WORLD WHERE EVERYBODY CAN LIVE IN HAPPINESS
OUR KINGDOM IS BRIMMING WITH STRONG PEOPLE THEY'RE STRONG ENOUGH TO LIVE ON WITHOUT FOUL THOUGHTS
I WON-DER...
I'M STILL SO IMMATURE...
EVEN WITH A FEW UNPLEASANT THOUGHTS,
I THINK IT'S STILL POSSIBLE
AT LEAST, I KNOW I'M HAPPY
EVERY-BODY'S THE SAME
THEY'RE HAPPIER THAN THEIR KING WOULD BELIEVE
EVEN IF I'M KILLING THEM?

AT NIGHT,
WHEN I SEE YOU LIKE THIS,
WASHING YOUR HAIR OF FILTH, I CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO BELIEVE THAT YOU'RE HAPPY.

OF COURSE.
BECAUSE THAT IS MY DUTY

SPLASH
I CAN CHANGE THIS, AND I'LL SHOW YOU
WITHOUT THE SHADOW OF A DOUBT
YET AGAIN, IN A PLACE I DON'T KNOW A CLAN IN OUR KINGDOM GAVE YOU SUCH A HIDEOUS ORDER. I CAN'T STOMACH IT ANY LONGER

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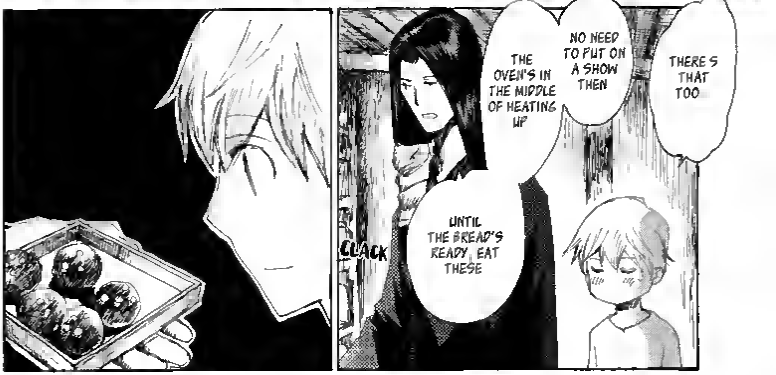
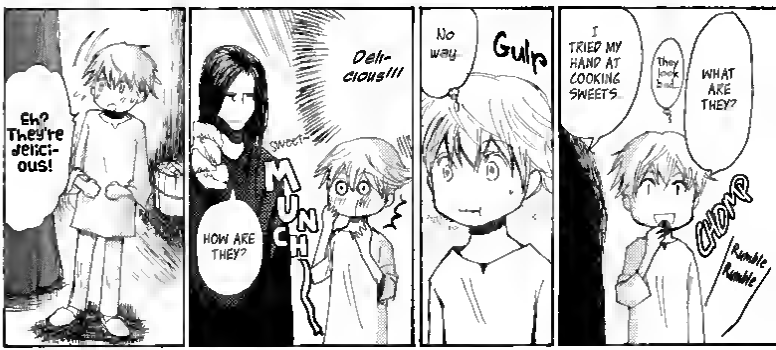
CLANK
YOU'RE AWAKE?
Yes! Good morning!
Master Lee will wash his hair outside, especially on the days when it snows
SHAAA...
URGH I'M FREEZING MY ASS OFF JUST LOOKING AT HIM
No matter if it's hot or cold, he's thickheaded like this
SHIVER
SHIVER

Starting today, we'll study sorcery together all day long! I was so excited that I couldn't sleep anymore.
GROWL
GROWL
RUMBLE
GRRR
GURGLE
YOU ACTUALLY GOT UP BECAUSE YOU'RE HUNGRY ISN'T THAT RIGHT?


THERE'S THAT TOO
NO NEED TO PUT ON A SHOW THEN
THE OVEN'S IN THE MIDDLE OF HEATING UP
UNTIL THE BREAD'S READY, EAT THESE
CLACK


WHAT ARE THEY?
They look s...
I TRIED MY HAND AT COOKING SWEETS
CHOMP
Rumble Rumble
No way
Gulp
Delicious!!!
SWEET-
MUNCH
HOW ARE THEY?
Eh? They're delicious!

Master Lee!
IF I GO BY THE BOOK, EVEN I CAN COOK SIMPLE RECIPES
I HAPPENED TO BORROW A COOKING BOOK FROM MAKI'S STAFF
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "WHAT HAPPENED"?
What happened?
Suddenly seeing you using sugar is...
LUXURY OR WHATEVER, THIS MUCH IS NOT A PROBLEM! I'VE TOLD YOU COUNTLESS TIMES BEFORE!
Irritated
LUXURY IS OUR ENEMY!
HE WILL EXCHANGE THE MEDICINE I MAKE FOR MONEY
HE'LL BE CLIMBING THE STAIRS IN A SHORT WHILE
A MERCHANT?
RIGHT ON TIME
A MERCHANT IS COMING

GOOD MORNING THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME
CLANK
WELL THEN PLEASE LET ME BOTHER YOU AGAIN IN THE AFTERNOON TO BRING YOU THE MONEY
IF ONLY I WERE THE ONE THAT HAD THE MONEY, I'D BUY AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE
HIGH-QUALITY GOODS, PER USUAL
TODAY, THIS IS ALL I CAN GIVE YOU
Tap
What shady guy
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SO EVEN IF IT'S SUGAR,
WITH JUST TODAY'S BATCH, WE'LL RECEIVE ENOUGH TO LAST FOR THE ENTIRE WINTER
THE PRICE IS USUALLY PAID IN SILVER, GOLD, AND GEMS
BESIDES, IT'S CHEAPLY BOUGHT AND SELLS WELL
IT'S EASY FOR ME TO MAKE MEDICINE FOR HUMANS, AND I STARTED ENJOYING IT LATELY
I CAN BUY AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE
CLOSE
IT'S NOT THAT HE'S NOT HUMAN, SO HOW COME...?

But for the time being, I decided I should just be genuinely happy for all the good food and delicious sweets
I can eat however much I want♡
It seems to me that Master Lee is the one who's putting on a show
I wonder if it's alright
Winter started in an ambiance of peace and quiet
HOOWL
Kona Tsutsuru and Pen Ru Ma

Move, Move, Move.
Move, Move, Move.
Roarrr Roarrr
Roarrr
STOP THINKING ABOUT USELESS THINGS. JUST CONCENTRATE ALL YOUR THOUGHTS ON MAKING THE ROCK MOVE
YES!
THE ROCK WAS ALREADY UNDER YOUR SPELL SINCE A WHILE AGO.
YES.
THE ROCK IS YOUR SER-VANT.
YES!
WHO IS THE MASTER OF THIS SER-VANT?
I AM!
I'M THE MASTER OF THIS ROCK!
ROCK, I ORDER YOU TO MOVE!

WHOOSH
A while
DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN
MASTER LEE! I DID IT!
AH
Roll Roll
ALRIGHT ONE MORE TIME
Move, Move...
5 minutes later
HAA HAA
IT'S DIFFI-CULT, ISN'T IT?
Yes... It's not moving one bit

EH...
SO IT'S SOMETHING LIKE THAT
THERE ARE ACTUALLY SEVERAL LOOPHOLES
IT'S THE SAME WITH HUMANS
IF YOU FIRST BECOME THE MASTER OF SOMEONE BUT THEN ALLOW THEM TO TREAT YOU LIGHTLY, THE ENTIRE MASTER-SERVANT RELATION CAN EASILY BE OVERTHROWN
THAT'S WHY YOU NEED TO BE FIRM WITH THE ONE YOU'VE SUBDUED. YOU CAN'T BE LENIENT WITH THEM
TRY DOING IT AGAIN HOLDING THIS
JINGLE
CRYSTAL?
FWHOOSH
AAAH!
Move.
Eeeh?
AMONG OTHER FUNCTIONS, CRYSTAL ALSO ENHANCES MAGICAL POWERS
IF ONE USES CRYSTAL TOO MUCH, THE BASIC MAGICAL POWERS WILL DWINDLE BUT WE'LL MAKE AN EXCEPTION
THIS WINTER, YOU WILL PRACTICE SORCERY WHILE HOLDING ONTO THAT.
IN ORDER TO TAP INTO THE CRYSTAL'S POWERS, YOU SHOULD KEEP IT LIKE THAT EVERY DAY
OKAY...

I didn't want to stain it... not even one bit...
After I brushed it, I would go to sleep without putting it back on.
Later,
AFTER I BRUSH YOU UP NICELY, I CAN TURN IN FOR THE NIGHT
I'm someone who's easily captivated by beautiful things, so I became enthralled with the crystal in no time.
Brush Brush
I realized the crystal was the root of some very unpleasant experiences I had to go through
RAVEL.
IT'S HIGH TIME YOU WASHED YOUR BODY AND YOUR HAIR.
DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
AFTER YOU FINISH YOUR MEAL, GO BATHE
Yes!
IT'S EIGHT DAYS ALREADY
OR MAYBE IT WAS FIVE DAYS AGO...?
THREE... FOUR DAYS AGO?
WHEN'S THE LAST TIME YOU HAD A PROPER HOT BATH? DO YOU REMEMBER?
I can still hold out a little longer... I'm not that filthy yet.

I WISH TO PARTAKE IN THE PURE WATER THAT MOUNTAINS GIVE US AND BATHE IN ITS LAKES.
Winter.
Urgh... Just listening to him made my blood run cold.
I DON'T NEED THINGS LIKE HOT WATER.
MASTER LEE, WON'T YOU COME BATHE WITH ME?
And I have to get in as fast as I can so it doesn't get cold in the meantime.
I have to boil a ton of water first, and then carry it all the way to the bath house.
Shaa
It's a pain in the neck to get a hot bath running.
MIX THESE IN.
KAVEL.
YES.
IT WILL MAKE YOUR BODY RESISTANT TO THE COLD.
Plunk
IS IT HERBS?

Dond
It smells nice.
Haaa
I'm on cloud nine
.....
Rub
Rub
Hmm Master Lee's hair gives off the same scent
Cozy
... ...
It's just that-
It's not that I hate taking baths
Basically, I only hate the part where it gets cold
I always end up staying in the water too long
Hurry up!
Shiver
Slave! bring me hot stones!
It's co- cold!
Shiver
Idiot

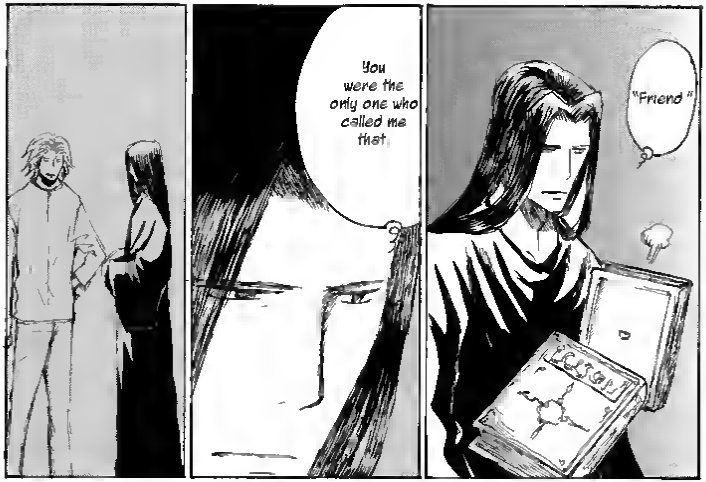
AS FOR THIS PERSON'S WHERE-ABOUTS,
AH, I FEEL REFRESHED!
I'LL TREAT YOU AGAIN NEXT TIME
I TOLD YOU ALREADY THAT YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO DRINK MORE THAN THREE CUPS
LEE, MORE TEA PLEASE
I SEARCHED HIGH AND LOW AND STILL COULDN'T FIND THE SMALLEST TRACE
NO WORRIES I FEEL BAD MYSELF. THIS TIME WAS ACTUALLY VERY HARD...
I COULDN'T TRACE ANY-THING... NOT EVEN THE FAINTEST WHIFF
THEY MUST'VE MOVED ON TO A DIFFERENT PLACE
I SEE
IF YOUR BUSINESS HERE IS FINISHED, HURRY UP AND LEAVE ALREADY
YOUR MASTER'S SUCH A CHEAP-SKATE
THE TEA EARLIER HAS AN HERB THAT'S NOR-MALLY USED AS A SEDA-TIVE
BUT TOO MUCH OF IT WILL TURN INTO POISON
IF IT'S PLAIN TEA, I CAN MAKE AS MUCH AS HE WANTS
WHAT'S SO BAD ABOUT MAKING MORE TEA? WE'VE GOT PLENTY
MASTER LEE,
CLOSE
CLANK

SEDATIVE... YOU MEAN, SOMETHIN' LIKE... NARCOTIC DRUGS...?
THAT'S RIGHT IT'S SOMETHING AKIN TO NAR COTICS.
THE MORE YOU DRINK... THE BETTER YOU FEEL AND CRAVE FOR MORE
IF THE OPTIMAL POSE IS USED... THERE'S NO UNPLEASANT AFTERMATH
THE FISH FROM BEFORE,
THE BIRD, AND THE BEAST ALIKE.
THEY ONLY HAVE EYES FOR THIS KIND OF TEA
THE CRAVING WILL MAKE THEM WORK FOR ME AS MUCH AS I NEED THEM TO ... IT'S ACTUALLY VERY CONVENIENT.
Conve-nient?
BUT AREN'T THEY ALL YOUR FRIENDS?
OR SOME-THING LIKE THAT
FRIENDS?
AH, I SEE
SURE THEY ARE
THEY'RE JUST NOT ON EQUAL STANDING.
I'M DOING IS TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE BENEFITS AND THE DISADVAN-TAGES WHEN DEALING WITH THEM

What he said earlier...
When I'm together with Sarah or Mimikara, we just enjoy our time together. Our relationship is never about stuff like benefits or drawbacks.
So, he won't say they're his friends after all...?
I wonder if Master Lee has anyone he can call a true friend
LEE
Did he ever have a friend that was his equal?
Now, or in the past-

YOUR HAIR SMELLS INCREDIBLY GOOD.
I ENDED UP KISSING YOUR HAIR.
IT'S AS IF I ASKED YOUR HAND IN MARRIAGE
UH-OH.
SIRE!
These words you say in jest...
What if somebody heard you just now?
STRAIGHT-LACED AS EVER
IT'S JUST FOOLING AROUND BETWEEN FRIENDS, ISN'T IT?

WE CANNOT BE CALLED "FRIENDS."
YOU ARE MY KING, AND I AM YOUR SERVANT.
YOU'RE AN INFLEXIBLE MAN THROUGH AND THROUGH.


You were the only one who called me that
"Friend"

And yet,
At that time, I was beside myself with joy to the extent that my body warmed up and got hot

CRUNCH

I failed to tell you about this warmth I never conveyed it to you, and then you died without ever knowing

YOU'RE QUITE LATE! I WAS GETTING TIRED OF WAITING
YOU SHOULD STEP INSIDE AND REST A LITTLE
I WILL
Grin